



Wichita Police Department

July 2006 Monthly Report

Chief of Police Mid-Year Report

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Special points of interest:

Gordon Bassham
will be appointed as
the Assistant to the
Chief of Police
effective August
28th.

I am extremely proud of each Police Department member's efforts to go above and beyond to make Wichita one of the safest cities in America. Thank you for your hard work as we strive to accomplish the Department 2006 goals and mission. Citizens, business representatives and elected officials have repeatedly expressed appreciation and gratitude for your efforts to make Wichita a safe and secure community.

In 2005, the Wichita Police Department had a tremendous year of accomplishments and the expectations were raised as we began 2006. Because of the dedication and diligence of the members of the Police Department, this organization has continued to excel in providing great service to the citizens and visitors to Wichita.

During the first six months of 2006 the members of the Wichita Police Department have accomplished the following mid-term goals:

- More than 800 members of the Department attended the Mandatory In-service Training that was held at Century II in March and April. This was an opportunity for Department members to receive information regarding the Police Department's accomplishments, direction and effectiveness.

- The City Council approved the purchase of land for a new EOD Range, which will enable us to relocate from the current Kingsbury location. This location will allow expansion in the

future, if needed.

- The investigations Division was recently renovated with new carpet, modular furniture and fresh paint.



Sincere thanks to Captain Darrell Haynes for coordinating this effort and minimizing disruption to the 6th floor operations.

- Approximately 166 portable radios were purchased and distributed within the Field Services Division. These radios replaced numerous obsolete units, which compromised the safety of our members.

- In January 2006, Department members received training regarding the use of tasers. Tasers were distributed among the Field Services, Investigations and Support Services Divisions. Approximately 228 Tasers were purchased for the Police Department.

- Approximately 210 Department Awards and 555 Commendatory Performance Reports were presented to Department members for exceptional work that furthered the Department's goals, mission and objectives.

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Did You Know....

During the month of July, WPD members received 68 CPR's that were generated internally and 36 that were generated externally.

The Professional Standards Bureau opened 7 external complaints on members of the Department during July. There were 13 internal complaints filed against Department employees.

In the month of July, Field Services personnel issued 5,540 moving citations and 1,403 parking citations.

The 2006 Fall Recruit class began July 10th. The class consists of 19 WPD Recruits, 3 Airport Safety Officers, and 9 Sedgwick County Sheriff's Deputies.

The Training Academy has a new telephone number of 660-3810.



In July the increased traffic enforcement projects continued to address the number of accidents being reported within the Patrol West Bureau. Officers conducted 14 special projects issuing 423 citations for speeding, run red light and disobey traffic control signs.

On July 27th a Child I.D. event, sponsored by KSN and Dillon's, was held at the Dillon's store at 8828 W. 13th Street. 237 children were processed.

On July 26th Officer Tejeda gave a presentation to 3 and 4 year olds at Open Arms Child Development Center. They were given coloring books, stickers and had an opportunity to view his police car.

On July 19th the Training Academy participated in the Urban League of the Mid Plains job fair at Century II. Detective Silva and Officers Pierce, Gerdes, and Phommachanh staffed the booth.

On July 25th and 26th vehicle auctions were conducted. A total of 210 vehicles were sold for \$65,829. An additional \$3,291 was received in title affidavits.

Patrol West officers are addressing larceny and vandalism cases of cars being broken into in church parking lots, while service is in session. Church staff members are placing precautionary information in their newsletters and the Beat Team concentrated their patrol efforts to those parking lots on Sunday mornings.

School Liaison Officers conducted 7 Bicycle Clinics in the month of July with 97 children participating.

The North Riverside's Annual Pancake Feed and Children's Parade was held on July 4th at North Riverside Park. Officer Norton rode a police bicycle in the event and assisted with a raffle giveaway, which was in collaboration with Officer Kyle of Patrol West. Both share the neighborhood association and continue to work together to serve the area better.

On July 20th a warrant sweep was conducted covering 23,27,28 and 29 beats. During the 10 hours dedicated to checking warrants, 96 people were checked. 7 were arrested and the other 89 did not answer the door or they no longer lived at the given address.

On July 1st the Southwest Neighborhood Association held a neighborhood cleanup for portions of 27 & 28 Beats. Officers who assisted with the cleanup included Officers Wright, Stevens, Rasette and Floyd. Approximately 20 people from the association worked at the drop-off sites.

Up-coming event ...

Cops vs Wranglers

Charity Baseball Game

& Silent Auction

Sunday September 3rd, following the 2:00 pm Wranglers game at Lawrence Dumont Stadium

\$1 from each game admission will be donated to the Sedgwick County Law Enforcement Memorial.

1st Annual "Hooked on Fishing" event

On July 15th the Patrol East Bureau held the 1st annual "Hooked on Fishing" event at Harrison Park. The goal of the event was to let the children in the community know that Police are there to help them and to keep them safe. 40 children participated in the event, with 15 officers and 5 citizens who volunteered. Each child received a t-shirt provided by Taco Bell, a fishing pole provided by Tackle Depot, and a water bottle and a tackle box. Texas Roadhouse cooked lunch. The event was very successful with the assistance that the Police Department received from the community and businesses that helped sponsor the day of fishing.



Officer Mike Cox helps a boy show a fish he caught at the 2006 Hooked on Fishing event.

Forty children participated in this event at Harrison Park on July 15th.

New laws in effect July 1

Driving

- **Booster Seats:** All children ages 4 through 7, weighing less than 80 pounds or shorter than 4 feet 9 inches, must be restrained in booster seats while in a moving car. For a year, police will give only warnings. Then the tickets start.

- **Headlights:** When your windshield wipers are on, your headlights should be, too.

- **Highway worker vehicles:** Treat them like ambulances, fire trucks and police. Slow down and change lanes to give them space if they're parked on a shoulder with lights flashing. Warnings will be issued for a year, then tickets.

- **Driving while suspended:** Those habitually caught driving with a suspended or revoked license face jail time.

Animals

- **"Scruffy's Law":** The malicious killing or injuring of an animal is now a felony, punishable by jail time. Those convicted will be ordered to undergo psychological evaluation.

- **Wild pigs:** Transporting wild pigs is illegal now.

Liquor

- **Wine shipments:** You can order wine from out of state, but you must go to the liquor store to pick it up.

- **Put a cork in it:** Feel free to take that unfinished wine bottle home from the restaurant, if it's in a special sealed bag.

Families

- **Deadbeat parents:** Pay up. Fall significantly behind on child support and you could lose your driving privileges.

- **Marriage:** No more marriages for those under 18 unless a judge or parent says it's okay. Only a judge can approve a marriage for 15 year olds.

Crime

- **Terrorism:** Terrorism and the illegal possession or use of weapons of mass destruction now constitute a separate crime.

- **Fighting with police:** Intentionally injuring a uniformed officer is an automatic felony.

- **Child sex offenders:** Tough new sentences for those who sexually abuse children. Minimum 25 year sentences for first time convictions; repeat offenders get longer sentences. Lifetime monitoring and registration requirements for offenders released from prison.



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- Major crime was down about 1.5% and Class 2 crimes were down about 1%. These reductions are reflective of the teamwork between the Police Department, citizens, business representatives and other government agencies.

- As the result of a tremendous team effort that included elected State Officials, KBI, Kansas Attorney's General Office, KACP, Kansas Sheriff's Association, Kansas County/District Attorney's Association, Kansas Peace Officers Association, and Wichita Police Department, the State of Kansas has enacted the "Criminal Street Gang Prevention Act of 2006".

- In 2006, Langley Production once again returned to Wichita to film segments for the television show COPS. This was the second time that Langley Production has featured the Wichita Police Department. During my conversation with the filming crew, they were very complimentary of our police officers' professionalism.

- The Command Staff developed and submitted a department budget for fiscal year 2007/2008 which would enable us to accomplish the City Council goal to **"Provide for a Safe and Secure Community"**. The department's budget submittal included additional personnel, equipment and technology, which totaled approximately \$2,557,378. The City Manager's proposed budget included four additional patrol vehicles, re-assigning six School Resource Officers to patrol beats and absorbing a Victim Assistance position.

- The City Hall Security Section became operational in January 2006. As a result of the tremendous efforts by Supervisor Charles Quinn, Lt. Jeffrey Weible and Captain Desenberg this Section overcame various set backs to ensure that the City Hall Security operations were first class. Thank you for the great job!!!

- In June 2006, twenty-six police officers graduated during the 2006 spring graduation. The new police officers are scheduled to complete their Field Training Officer Program on Saturday, August 12, 2006.

- A fourth canine was added to the Police Department, thanks to the dedicated efforts of Officer Jesse Hancock, Captain Allred and the Patrol East Bureau members. The



following businesses greatly assisted in this effort with their financial contributions: Milk-Bone (\$5,000 check), Mrs. Bairds and Dillon's (\$4,000). In addition, citizens and busi-

nesses in the Patrol East Bureau were significant contributors to the Canine Unit. Fantastic teamwork by all!!!

- Thus far in 2006, there have been six detective and two sergeant promotions made in the Police Department. In addition, Mr. Vester Adams was hired as a second shift Records Bureau supervisor and Mr. Donald Langford was hired as a Records Bureau Computer Analyst.

- The National Law Enforcement Officer's Memorial Fund recognized Lt. Kenneth Landwehr as their "Officer of the Month" for March 2006. This recognition is the result of Lt. Landwehr's leadership with the BTK Task Force, which was able to successfully identify and arrest the suspect known as BTK (Dennis Rader).

-Department members demonstrated tremendous compassionate and humanitarian commitments, which is reflective of our goal to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Wichita.

Department members found unique ways of connecting with the children in our community, such as the Mounted Unit conducting demonstrations for youngsters at the Wichita Riding Academy and completing the 6th annual Youth Police Academy.



- Traffic safety continued to be a priority for the City and Police Department. We answered the call with numerous high profile traffic enforcement projects throughout the City of Wichita. These efforts generated numerous comments of appreciation from motorists that travel our streets. Great job and keep up the commitment to make our streets safe!



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As you can see, we have had a remarkable first-half of 2006. Our successes can be attributed to your unflagging efforts to provide a safe and secure community. In addition, the great partnerships that we have forged with our citizens, business owners/managers and other government entities have also contributed to our successes. As we approach the home stretch of 2006, let's finish strong as we strive to make Wichita one of the safest cities in America to live and work.

Thank you for the "can do attitude" thus far in 2006.

Norman D. Williams
Chief of Police



Scrap Metal Sting

(by Detective Aaron Harrison)

Acting on information that a number of the scrap metal dealers in town were cheating customers on the weight of metal sold, the Larceny Section initiated an undercover "sting" operation to address the matter. A local machine shop donated approximately 6,000 pounds of scrap aluminum, and the Larceny Section teamed-up with an Inspector from the Kansas Department of Agriculture Weights and Measures Division. The project was discussed in advance with the Consumer Fraud Section of the District Attorney's Office.

Carefully weighed loads, varying from 300 to 500 pounds, were then sold by Detectives to every licensed scrap processor in town. The businesses found to be cheating on weights purchased were American Can located at 1410 E. 21st North and Kansas Can located at 522 E. 21st North and 1251 S. Seneca.

The amount of "cheating" averaged around 28% of the weight. A total of three cases were made on Kansas Can and two cases on American Can. Since a written receipt was provided from each transaction, each case consisted of one count of Petit Theft by Deception and one count of Making a False Writing, a felony. Additionally, as corporate officers of the businesses were committing felonies for the corporations, the corporations were charged with felonies as well.

The investigation concluded on June 6 with arrest and search warrants being served at each location. Immigrations and Customs Enforcement (ICE), who addressed the matter of illegal aliens being employed by the businesses, and the Kansas Department of Health and Environment, who checked the premises for radioactive metals, assisted the warrant service. A total of 11 illegal aliens were arrested. Three persons were arrested in association with the sting operation and a total of 196 doses of controlled substances were recovered from the office at American Can. Charges are pending in the drug case.

The corporations are facing a maximum possible fine of \$100,000 for each of the five felonies they are charged with.



Maureen Henzler, Inspector with the Kansas Department of Agriculture Weights & Measures Division, poses by a carefully weighed load of scrap aluminum.

Planeview Activity Camp for Kids

The Planeview Activity Camp for Kids (**P.A.C.K.**) concluded another successful summer. The eight-week camp serves children in the age bracket of kindergarten through eighth grade and is supervised by Colvin recreation staff with assistance provided by the Colvin Community Educator and Wichita Police Officers. P.A.C.K. is designed to give the kids of Planeview safe and structured activities during the summer months.

With more than 100 children enrolled this summer, P.A.C.K. averaged a weekly attendance of 75 children. Some of this summer's activities included cooking, crafts, and technology classes. There were also numerous physical activities including soccer with the police, which was held every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon. The kids were also treated to field trips that included the Great Plains Nature Center, swimming, skating, movies, etc.

P.A.C.K. concluded on July 28th with a family picnic, cooked and served by Wichita Police Officer's. Kids also each received a prize, a backpack, school supplies, and Joyland tickets.



Officers McDanel, Jackson and Nicks help out at the school supply line.

P.A.C.K had many contributors this year including Davis Moore Auto Group, Rick Rice Investments, Dick's Sporting Goods, USD 259, Mo Connelly Tennis Foundation, etc.

Over 25 different Wichita Police Officer's participated in the camp this year.



Officers Shelton, Groh and Bartel (behind the smoke) grilling for the PACK picnic.

7th Annual Sole Sisters Race to End Domestic Violence

Members of the Wichita Police Department participated in the 7th Annual Sole Sisters Race to End Domestic Violence. The Police Department's Team, named the "Justice Joggers", ran 5K (3.1 mile) on Saturday July 15th, 2006 at 8 o'clock in the morning with the temperature already up into the 90's. The Justice Joggers won an award for Largest Special Interest Team and Patrol South Officer Ian Wolfe recorded the fastest time of the group with 27:20.



"Justice Joggers"

Officers Naomi Arnold, Heather Bachman, Bob Gulliver, Ian Wolfe, and Aaron Chaffee.



Crime Commission donates \$12,500 for memorial

The Wichita Crime Commission donated \$12,500 toward the construction of the Sedgwick County Law Enforcement Memorial. On July 21st Crime Commission President David Crockett presented the contribution to Sedgwick County Sheriff Gary Steed and Wichita Police Chief Norman Williams at the northeast lawn of City Hall, the future site of the memorial. Mr. Crockett said, "Law enforcement people who are being remembered have made the supreme sacrifice to make it a safer community, and we think that ought to be remembered".

This contribution boosts the amount raised for the memorial to be about \$250,000.

College Hill burglary suspect arrested

A burglar in the College Hill neighborhood entered homes undetected. He would troll College Hill late at night, searching for unlocked doors and open windows. Once inside, he would search for cash and car keys.

On July 11, Officers Maben and Waite were in the College Hill area looking for several of the stolen vehicles taken in the last several months. They noticed the black Acura reported stolen several days prior. Officers got into a high-speed chase until the suspect bailed. 3rd and 4th watch officers organized surveillance on the burglar and quickly converged to assist with the foot pursuit. The suspect broke into a house on S. Oliver attempting to elude officers, climbed



He jumped off the roof to get away and was taken into custody. The suspect was charged with seven counts of burglary. The suspect had just been released on parole in April and found his comfort zone once again inside people's homes.

Detective McNerny noted, "Excellent job by all officers involved. Especially Officer Robinson who was able to lift the suspect's fingerprints at one of the scenes and Officers Waite and Maben who located the suspect in a stolen Acura."